



MATT.28:19.

MARK.16:15

ALL NATIONS

EVEN CREATURE

EXAMPLE

JOHN KEBLE

We scatter seeds with careless hand,
And dream we ne'er shall see them more;
But for a thousand years
Their fruit appears,
In weeds that mar the land
Or healthful store.

The deeds we do, the words we say,
Into still air they seem to fleet;
We count them ever past;
But they shall last—
In the dread judgment they
And we shall meet.

I charge thee by the years gone by,
For the love of brethren dear,
Keep them, the one true way
In work and play,
Lest in the world their cry
Of woe thou hear.

—From *The Light of the World, Poems of Faith*.

EPH.2:20

ITIM.3:15

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... be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity," 1 Tim. 4:12b.

THE GROUND OF

Notices

The Church of God on the Air

Rev. Fred Hopkins, pastor of the Martinsville, Va., Church of God, announces that his church is broadcasting each Saturday morning from 10:00-10:30 a. m., over Station WMVA.

My husband, C. W. McKay, has recently received his discharge from the armed service, and we are now considering calls for evangelistic work, and are willing to go anywhere God leads. You may address us at Rt. 6, Box 130-C, Danville, Va.—Ida (McGuire) McKay.

I am burdened for souls and the afflicted. This is the work God has given me to do, to set myself aside for the needs of the saints. I am a tither and my membership is here at Tucson, Ariz. I am earnest in my prayer life and my services are free. Should you be in need of special help, I will pray for you until deliverance comes.—Anna Boyer, Box 2428, Tucson, Ariz.

For Sale

Lafayette Amplifier. Can be used by electricity or car battery, but lined up for battery only. One new speaker and one speaker needing repair. Microphone with fifty-foot extension and chromium stand. The brace to go across the car in A-1 shape (used). Price \$110. Notify Mildred M. Griffin, Lumber City, Ga.

I am in full time evangelistic work this year. Anyone desiring me for a revival, please get in touch with me. I will make arrangements with you for a revival at your church. I have had experience as evangelist and pastor.—J. W. Hannah, Box 262, Toccoa, Ga.

Anyone desiring anointed cloths, or who want to contact me, may do so at this address.—Mrs. Eula Smith, Rt. 1, Dacula, Ga.

DEATHS

WINGATE

Thomas D. Wingate, a faithful friend and pastor here at Jesup, Ga., was born July 20, 1892, and departed this life October 7, 1945. Interment was in Piney Grove cemetery.—Mrs. Leroy Jernigan, Rt. 1, Jesup, Ga.

JENKINS

On November 28, 1945, the death

angel visited our home and called away our husband and father, John J. Jenkins; age fifty-six years, six months, and twelve days. He had the Holy Ghost and spoke in tongues shortly before passing away.

Pray for his family.—His wife and children.

Jesus Never Fails

WEST NASHVILLE, Tenn.—I praise the Lord for His wonderful healing power. He has healed my little boy many times, and I cannot praise Him enough.

My little boy's heart was three times the size it should be. I sent a handkerchief to Brother Rouse and when I received it back I carried it to church. Brother James H. Clark laid it on my baby and the good saints of West Nashville prayed, and, praise God, his heart is back to normal, although the doctor says he isn't getting enough blood to his lungs, the valves to his heart are enlarged, and he has a leakage, but I know the Lord can heal him. I ask all saints of God who read this to help me pray that God will completely heal him, also send my husband home soon and save his soul. Pray that I will ever be in the center of His will.—Mrs. Oliver Ray, 6107 New York.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

PRAY FOR:

God to heal my heart, it has been bothering me so much.—J. R. Holt, 25 Middle St., Newburyport, Mass.

The healing of my side.—Alyce Burden, Rt. 2, Shreve, Ohio.

The healing of my mother's body; my husband's body; my son.—Mrs. Luther Burden, Rt. 2, Shreve, Ohio.

The healing of my brother who has recently had an operation, he isn't doing well.—Mary Francis Ledford, Rt. 2, Box 269, Shaw, Miss.

The healing of my body, I have a severe headache and suffer until it is almost unbearable.—Rosella Medley, 508 C. St., Huntsville, Ala.

The healing of my father, Sam J. Craven, Sayre, Ala., he had a stroke several days ago and his condition is bad; my little girl who had infantile paralysis, one arm is not right.—Mrs. Paul Harris, Sipsey, Ala.

The Lord to heal me of high blood pressure, a nervous condition, and oth-

er serious afflictions; my little girl to be healed of kidney trouble; my family to be healed; my home.—A reader.

My healing, I have had a serious operation.—Alice Vance, St. George, W. Va.

My son who is in the Veterans' Hospital; another son to be healed.—Rosa Spurlock.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. George Fordham.

The healing of my eyes; my son to be healed.—A sister in Christ, Danville, Va.

To be healed of intestinal trouble.—Carolyn Stillmarks, Albuquerque, N. Mex.

My brother to be healed.—Hattie Middleton, Albany, Ga.

A very urgent request; my oldest daughter. Encouragement appreciated.—Mrs. J. W. McCullough, 131 E. 40th St., Savannah, Ga.

The healing of my body of a nervous condition.—Edgar M. McCoy, Prichard, Ala.

To be healed of a serious skin condition.—Mrs. Dora Dubois, Rt. 3, Colfax, La.

My husband who was wounded on Okinawa.—Mrs. Floyd Morris, Temple, Texas.

To be healed of kidney and sinus trouble.—Mrs. Homer McGinnis, Naoma, W. Va.

To be healed of sinus trouble and hay fever.—Mary L. Long, Hollywood, Fla.

Mrs. Lloyd Phillips, Rt. 1, Melrose, N. Mex., who is very ill with kidney trouble. Encouragement appreciated.—Her mother.

Miss Virginia Johnson to be healed of a severe cancer.—Mrs. J. M. Brandenburg, Farmington, Mich.

The healing of my body, I believe I have a cancer. Good Christian papers will be appreciated.—Mrs. S. E. Williams, Rt. 1, Box 238-B, Bluefield, W. Va.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. Nor Cooper, 300 Ridgeway Drive, Greenboro, N. C.

Mrs. Marvin Jones to be healed of a very serious stomach trouble.—Mrs. Julia Ingham Jones, Lithia, Fla.

To be healed of a serious nervousness.—Mrs. C. E. Ward, 530 Poplar St., Fresno 3, Calif.

My neighbor to be healed.—Mrs. Fred J. DeLisle, Ortonville, Mich.

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Home Mission Needs

By Mrs. L. S.
Lambert

Sometimes when we speak of missionaries we think of folks in the far-away lands o'er the sea, but there is a song I have heard that is indeed so true, which goes as follows:

*You may not cross the ocean,
Nor the heathen land explore,
But should you go where duty calls
There's a heathen at your door."*

Early in July of 1944 we received a letter from Rev. J. M. Kile stating that some people near our residence were in distress and asked that we go to see about them. So early one morning we got into the car and started to locate the people whom we had never seen, neither had we ever heard of the place we were going, but we did know the Lord commanded us to go into all the world and preach the gospel.

On our way we traveled some of the roughest roads we have ever gone over, and it made us think of the rough and uneven journey over which our blessed Savior passed when He came to seek and to save that which was lost. On we went, over the stones and ditches, until finally we reached good roads again. Then, after a few miles, we again entered roads rougher still than the first. It seemed that the car would turn over, it was so rough. We wondered if we could make it, and felt like trying to back out, but the sweet Spirit of God was urging us on to a people in distress. It made us to think of Jesus when He went to Gethsemane, "And he went a little farther and fell on his face, saying, Father, if it be possible let this cup pass from me. Nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt."

After awhile we ran off this terrible road into a large open, grassy field. In sight was a crude wooden hut. When we came to the door inquiring for the lady for whom we were looking, we met a young mother twenty-five years of age with two children, living there in poverty. She directed us to the residence for which we were looking, across the creek and over into the woods, the last house back in that part of the mountains.

As we climbed the steep bank to the home, we saw another rude hut with a stone on the porch and by the stone stood an elderly lady. Never before had we looked upon such an eager

face. We told her Brother Kile had sent us to her, and she began to cry. Asking her about her trouble, she began to say they had excluded her from the Midianite church for a prayer she had learned to say. We asked her to repeat it, and she began a long creed or ritual we could not understand, only we heard a phrase about the tomb of the Virgin Mary. We interrupted her, for we knew she had not gotten acquainted with Jesus and the lines she was repeating were only as those who would cry out to Baal.

My companion began to tell her the story of Jesus and His love and His power to save. While he talked I stepped inside to the poorly furnished kitchen, and behind the stove on a very crude wooden cot lay a boy (I must pause to say it was the most pathetic scene I have ever looked upon) twenty-five years of age, with a head the size of a man's head and his body the size of an average eight-year-old child's. He required the attention of any infant child. He made the sound of a very small baby. There seemed to be very little sense of feeling about him as the flies were all over his face and even inside his mouth. He would first look at you and grin and after the grin he would show his teeth and snarl up his nose, and truly the expression there would make anyone think of demons. I could not bear to look upon him and after running the flies from his face I slipped out and told my companion he should go in to see the invalid boy.

The children went in and the expression on the poor invalid's face they were also afraid of and refused to stay even to scare the flies away. While I continued the story of Jesus to the lady, my companion slipped in to only come out quickly, for his thoughts were even as mine had been, of the demons.

Meanwhile the young mother we first met had come over and we sent for our guitar in the car and sang them some touching hymns as the tears trickled down their faces, having never heard the true gospel nor good old hymns like God's children sing. They seemed so lonely, and we told them how Jesus could comfort them away back there in the moun-

tains, and of the richness and beauty of the great beyond.

We asked them to pray with us and we went in by the poor invalid's bed and really they cried out to God with us. Neighbors on the opposite side of the young mother's house heard us singing and praying. As we were ready to leave, an old man came up into the yard, shook hands with us, stepped into the house and back out and left immediately. He seemed utterly shocked. As he left the yard his wife entered, and she acted as a little child would around strangers. We were standing in the yard ready to go, and she said, "Oh, how I wish I had known you were going to be here." Continuing she said, "I would love to hear what all you had to say."

Inquiring if she were a Christian, she became extremely nervous, saying, "I did belong to the church but they took my name off and now I'm lost." Then we just had to take the opportunity to say, "If you accept Christ and your name is recorded in the Lamb's book of life, no one can erase your name." She seemed very eager, and said, "Is that right?" So we had to again relate the story of Jesus. Praise His dear name! The precious and sweet story of Jesus is what this old sin-cursed, evil world needs today. She kept repeating, "Oh, how I wish I had known you were coming. I wanted to hear every word you had to say."

I said to my companion, "Let's sing her a song before we go." Then we stood in the yard and sang our testimony, "Lord, lead me on," as the two elderly women and the precious young mother stood there and cried on the porch. It seemed that the very atmosphere was filled with the great Spirit of God as we sang. The elderly women cried and took each other by the hand and they would look up and then at each other. We could hardly sing for marvelling at their actions. Finally, they came and stood by us and raised their hands to God as we sang. Praise His dear name! He said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth will draw all men unto me."

It was hard to leave them, and two of them followed us to the car where we found the old man beside the gate waiting to ask us about God. We again

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RELIGION AND THE WORLD

BY THE EDITOR

Berlin

Tom M. Olson, writing in *Light and Liberty*, states that, "according to United Press, United States Army chaplains complained . . . that Berlin probably is the most immoral city in the world."

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Advents and Unionism

The Seventh Day Adventist Church has organized a Council of Industrial Relations at Grand Rapids, Mich., in an effort to "adjust difficulties created by the denominations policy of nonmembership and nonparticipation in labor organizations." The Adventist Church has already established with some unions an agreement for their members "to pay unions the equivalent of union dues and fees for specifically named charitable and sick benefit funds."

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World Dangers

The whole world faces a new and intensified period of danger as a result to the discovery of the atomic bomb and the suspicious dispositions of nations. Molotov said recently, "We will have an atomic bomb." Doubtless this is true, and it is most likely that all nations knowing that this type of bomb is a fact will feverishly work to acquire its perfection and manufacture the atomic bomb both for their protection and for purposes of war. These conditions will lead to more fear, dread and suspicion as the years go by. As we approach further into the age of science, we also approach nearer to the days when "men's hearts shall fail because of fear." Tragic days lie ahead. Communism nor Socialism can effect a brotherhood of nations with lasting unity. The only way that nations can be united in safety and peace is through being made a new creation in Christ Jesus. Salvation through Christ will realize everything the many ultra political philosophies preach but which lack the potency to effect.

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Chicago Court Upholds Released Time

According to RNS, the Superior Court upheld the right of the Chicago Board of Education to continue released time for religious training. The opinion read,

"This order of the school board's providing the hour for outside religious training is in direct conformity rather than in opposition to the Constitution's Bill of Rights," declared Superior Court Judge Ulysses S. Schwartz.

He added that "it does not aid in establishing a church nor does it exclude the free exercise of all religion."

The Superior Court's decision was made in answer to a suit filed by Ira Latimer, director of the Civil Liberties Committee of Chicago, for a writ of mandamus to prohibit the released-time classes.

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Justice of Department and Juveniles

Attorney General Tom C. Clark has launched a plan to save "teen-age lawbreakers." He purposed to set up a twelve-man advisory board, composed of nationally-known clergymen, educators, and social welfare students. While the Department of Justice has no claim of authority over juveniles who are not lawbreakers, the purpose of the bureau will be to assist by advising in an endeavor designed to prevent violation of law by the youngsters.

Federal Bureau of Investigation figures prove that, of all the persons arrested during the first half of 1945, 21 per cent are under twenty-one years old. Of those arrested for armed robbery, auto thefts, forgeries and other felonies—or "major" crimes—the percentage ran more than 40 per cent for youths under twenty-one. Arrests of girls under twenty-one increased 9.2 per cent.

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The Thousand Methodists

The *Methodist Challenge* states that "a great Methodist patriot and loyal Christian has suggested that we organize a league of 1,000 Methodist ministers and laymen, preparatory to an effort to stop the swing of our great church toward Unitarianism and Socialism. They purpose to 'stop' men who have entered the Methodist ministry for the purpose of 'boring within' intent upon delivering the church to 'radicalism and make it a tool of Socialism and Communism.'

Where Will They Borrow Them?

Suppose that the United States should go Communistic? Where would Russia, Europe and Britain borrow money to finance Communism in their countries? The United States is now financing all these countries, though Russia has for a quarter of a century been on her own as a Communist state. Communism is as inequitable in its operation as capitalism has been, and the records will prove that.

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I Believe

I believe that everyone will admit there is something wrong with the world, and most everyone thinks they know what it is. I really doubt, however, if they do. But all agree that it needs something. That something is Christ, the Savior of the world.

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Use of Alcohol

Journal of American Medical Association states that, "Alcoholism in America is a serious national health problem." Writers estimate that there is 600,000 chronic alcoholic addicts, 2,000,000 heavy drinkers, and 38,000,000 social drinkers. This potential poison of body, mind, and soul adds to our otherwise irritable conditions throughout the country a shameful retrograde.

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The Christian's Contrasts

The Christian in 2 Cor. 8:2 is represented as having "a great trial of affliction,—but an abundance of joy. As abounding in "deep poverty" unto riches of liberality."

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THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

The Two Adams

By . . .
Merrill H. Eve

In the words of 1 Cor. 15:45-49 we have a brief outline and statement of the original character of the two creations. It is vital that we study them carefully to see their likeness, their differences, and their relation to each other. This is a basic block of truth.

Note first that each of the heads of these two creations is called ADAM. That is, Jesus was as truly human as was Adam of Genesis 3, and as Adam was the progenitor of one race so Jesus Christ, the Second Man, was the progenitor of another race. It is most comforting to know that Jesus was a real man, yes, definitely, THE REAL MAN.

Then note the striking marks of difference between the two. There are five of these. The first Adam "was made" and the second "was begotten." Luke 1:35. The first was a "soul" and the second was a "spirit"; that is, the predominating character of the first Adam was soul (though he also had a spirit) Eccl. 3:21, but the predominating character of the second Adam or Jesus was "SPIRIT." The first man was "living" but the Second Man was "quickened" or life-giving, a "life-giving spirit." Adam could transmit life only by human, natural generation; but Jesus only can give life to those who already exist but are dead, whether dead to God in trespasses and sins, or physically dead and buried. The first Adam is natural but the Second Adam is spiritual.

So it is evident then that if salvation simply restores us to the state of the first Adam, we would only be natural and not spiritual at all; free from sin and its effects, but not holy, creatures but not sons. What gain would this be to God? So the first Adam was "of the earth" but the Second was "from heaven."

Also, the relation of these to each other is important. "Adam was the figure of him that was to come." Rom. 5:14. This is significant. The real Man was Jesus Christ. The creation of the first was dependent on the coming of the second. In the beginning, the delights of the Second Man were with the yet uncreated descendants of Adam. Prov. 8:30. In divine manifestation Adam was first; God's best is always last. The consummation of all

things will mean the culmination of blessings to us poor mortals and of glory unto our God and the anointed LORD JESUS CHRIST.

As Adam was earthly so also are we his lineage. In Gen. 5:3 we read that Adam begat a son in his own image. This was after the fall, and so we read that by one man sin entered into the world and death by sin, and was passed upon all men. Rom. 5:12. All sinned in Adam, their head; and all sinned voluntarily because of a sinful nature inherited from Adam. All his descendants bear his image. The world is not growing better.

You cannot change a dog from being doggish. You may domesticate him, teach him to be useful and cunning, and even polite, but he still is dog. He will growl and bite and devour as quickly as ever when occasion arises. He is still a dog. He is just as greedy as ever. All your domestication will not convert him into a sheep. Only the God that made them both can change them, and that by destroying the dog's life and creating in him a sheep's life. So men bear the image of their forefathers, and are waxing worse and worse. The evil world is reaping in this great war just closed the whirlwinds of sin, national and individual. Reformation is not regeneration. Man-made goodness is not lasting.

But as is the heavenly ONE, such are they that are heavenly ones, or Jesus' descendants. As He is, so are we in this world, new creatures in Christ Jesus, a new creation. The new creation is heavenly, supernatural, spiritual, divine, God-sustained and God-indwelt.

God sees every person either as the old creation or as a new creation, in the first Adam or in the Second Adam, Christ, hence as dwelling "in the flesh" or "in the spirit." See 2 Cor. 5: 16, 17. Every man's standing is one of these.

But the state of all believers on Christ is not the same. For all true believers are "born of the Spirit" and "live in the Spirit" (the place and atmosphere of birth being our home), yet all do not "walk in the Spirit." Gal. 5: 25. Though all such are a new creation by birth, yet many do not walk according to this rule, Gal. 6:16,

but "walk as men," 1 Cor. 3:3, "who mind earthly things," Phil. 3:19, or "live after the flesh," Rom. 8:13, or according to the rules of the old creation. This class of believers the Holy Spirit names "carnal" or fleshly. He cannot call them natural because they are born into the supernatural. They are "in Christ" though only babes, 1 Cor. 3:1, even "sanctified in Christ," called holy ones. God cannot term them spiritual for they do not walk in the Spirit, or after the Spirit. Though they are not regarded as being in the flesh but in the Spirit, yet they are regarded as carnal or fleshly. Their standing is spiritual but their state is fleshly. Rom. 8:8, 9.

So in 1 Cor. 2:14 and 3:1-3 we read of three classes of men, "the natural man," "he that is spiritual," and "yet carnal." Everyone belongs to one of these three classes. Where are you, dear one, located today? If you are a child of God you belong to the second class. That is your dwelling place or home. You need not "walk after the flesh."

If you are a new creation and old things have passed away, why is it that some things still remain and you walk after the flesh? It is because we have two natures in one person. This is scriptural. In 2 Cor. 4:7 note, "We have this treasure" (new creation), "life of Jesus," in earthen vessels (the old creation), our mortal flesh, vv 10, 11, including all its earthward tendencies, whether mental, physical, or social. V 16 speaks of our outward man and inward man. James 1:8 and 4:8 speak of the double-minded man, literally two-souled, or two-lived. Are there not two natures here?

So why the repeated caution, "be of one mind," "mortify deeds of the body, your members which are upon the earth," "set your affections on things above," if we have not two natures? Why the caution against the desires of the flesh and of the mind?

This is all in harmony with the present-day experience, though some will not admit it for it conflicts with the state of perfection. Account otherwise, if you can, for the bitter feeling so often seen, and harsh, unkind words uttered, impatience shown, uncharitable criticism indulged, selfish-

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Sanctification

Definition of "Sanctification"

A. Standpoint of Webster: In the-
ology the act of making holy; also,
the state of being made holy.

B. The act of consecrating or of
setting apart for a sacred purpose,
consecration.

C. Strong's Exhaustive Concord-
ance: Purity, holiness.

Below are summarized the headlines,
or captions, under which I shall en-
deavor to discuss this great and in-
dispensable subject of "sanctification":

I—FROM WHENCE COMETH SANCTI-
FICATION (PURITY OR HOLI-
NESS) ?

II—WHERE DOES SANCTIFI-
CATION BEGIN IN THE REDEMPTIVE
PLAN?

III—SANCTIFICATION BEGINS
WITH MAN AT THE VERY INSTANCE
HE MAKES HIS FIRST STEP TO-
WARD GOD.

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AGENCY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

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VIII—WHAT OUR MINUTES SAY.

IX—SANCTIFICATION SUBSE-
QUENT TO SANCTIFICATION.

X—ENTIRE SANCTIFICATION.

1. From Whence Cometh Sanctification (Purity or Holiness)?

Originally, sanctification, purity or holiness, came from God. It must of necessity have had a beginning, hence the fountain from whence it flows must be holy or pure. James 3:11, "Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter?" The answer simply is "No." Therefore, holiness could find its beginning only in THE ETERNAL GOD OUR CREATOR, WHO IS ALTOGETHER HOLY, THE ABSOLUTE ONE. Lev. 11:44, "For I am the Lord your God: ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and be ye holy; FOR I AM HOLY." 1 Peter 1:15, 16, "But as he which hath called you is HOLY, SO BE YE HOLY IN ALL MANNER OF CONVERSATION; BECAUSE IT IS WRITTEN, BE YE HOLY; FOR I AM HOLY." Hence, all we get from God is holy; as a matter of fact, God sitteth on the throne of His holiness, Psa. 47:8. Therefore, no service to God can be acceptable in its nature except it be that of holiness or sanctification. Luke 1:74, 75, "That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, IN HOLINESS (SANCTIFICATION) AND RIGHTEOUSNESS before him, all the days of our life" (even from the first day we are con-

verted). Before the foundation of the world, God's choice for His people was that we should be HOLY (SANCTIFIED) and without blame before him in love, Eph. 1:4. Therefore, it is very clearly to be seen that with God, His people, from the very beginning of their experience with Him until they have reached death or glorification, must continue that setting themselves apart (SANCTIFICATION) by His marvelous grace from evil to that of a life of holiness. Heb. 12:14, "Follow peace with all men, AND HOLINESS, without which no man shall see the Lord."

II. Where Does Sanctification Begin in the Redemptive Plan?

As far as God is concerned, it began with Him for us in the prehistoric ages. Eph. 1:4, "According as he hath chosen us in him before the FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD, THAT WE SHOULD BE HOLY (SANCTIFIED) and without blame before him in love." Rev. 13:8 shows that God's Son, as a lamb, was slain from the FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD. With the prophet Jeremiah, sanctification began before his birth. Jer. 1:5, "Before I formed thee in the belly, I knew thee; and BEFORE THOU CAMEST FORTH OUT OF THE WOMB I SANCTIFIED (OR SET APART) THEE." Thus, in the experience of Jeremiah, God began the great work of sanctification (SETTING APART) before his birth. Of John the Baptist it is said, Luke 1:15, "For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall neither drink wine nor strong drink; AND HE SHALL BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST, EVEN FROM HIS MOTHER'S WOMB." Why was this? Of course, that he should be holy unto the Lord, or set apart (sanctified) unto Him. He had to be sanctified, for the Holy Ghost will not dwell in an unclean temple. We are told in the Bible that John was holy. Mark 6:20, "For Herod feared John, knowing that he was A JUST MAN AND AN HOLY." Be it understood, this was God's sanctification for these men before they were born. So with God it is sanctification from the beginning to the end of our salvation. However, these men still retained their God-given power of choice, but without an act of consecration on the part of Jeremiah and John, God's sanctification would not have saved them. As it is, God gave His Son to save all men, but all men will not receive Him. In fact, God even sanctified His Son and sent Him into the world for our redemption. John 10:36.

III. Sanctification Begins With Man at the Very Instant He Makes His First Step Toward God

For what would God have man to

do? He would have him to forsake his wicked way and return (set himself apart) unto God, Isa. 55:7. Thus, when man begins to do this, he is setting himself apart in this particular sense (sanctifying himself to a sacred purpose) because it is man's responsibility to return to God; therefore, he must of necessity, by the grace of God, set himself apart from evil and then our God will abundantly pardon. Webster says "abundance" means great, plenty, an overflowing quantity, ample sufficiency, fulness. In other words, if we are pardoned, it is not half way or partially done, but to the fullest extent with all sufficiency, as far as sins are concerned. The Bible tells us in thundering tones, with absolute certainty, beyond a reasonable doubt, THAT SANCTIFICATION BEGINS WITH SALVATION. 2 Thess. 2:13, "Because God hath from the beginning chosen you to SALVATION THROUGH SANCTIFICATION OF THE SPIRIT AND BELIEF OF THE TRUTH." So, according to this scripture, we have our salvation, or deliverance from sins, THROUGH AN ACT OF SANCTIFICATION, BOTH ON THE PART OF GOD FROM THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD AND ALSO ON THE PART OF MAN FROM THE TIME HE BEGINS HIS TURNING AWAY FROM EVIL TO GOD WHO IMPARTS TO MAN HIS VERY OWN NATURE, WHICH IS HOLINESS, "BECAUSE HE IS HOLY." Then, by the death of Jesus Christ, the very moment a man surrenders to Him, sanctification (not entire sanctification) begins in his life, as far as sins are concerned; that is, in the first sense, in that he is separated from sins to God, or sins are removed. For this reason, all through the New Testament believers are called saints. (Webster: A person sanctified, or a godly person.) And, truly if a man is not a saint, he is not a Christian. Then, if he is not a Christian, he is not a saint. Note 1 Cor. 6:11. The Apostle Paul, writing to the Corinthian brethren, speaks of sanctification in this instance prior to that of justification. "And such were some of you, but ye are washed (by the blood, Rev. 1:5), but ye are SANCTIFIED, but ye are JUSTIFIED." I wonder if the apostle knew what he was talking about, or if he made a mistake, or was he trying to evade some cardinal doctrine by putting sanctification before justification in this instance?

IV. Salvation Through the Agency of the Holy Spirit

The Spirit is the agency through whom we receive our salvation, 1 Cor. 12:3, "Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord BUT BY THE HOLY (Continued on page 11)

The Gift of Prophecy

By J. W. ARCHER

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4. Prophecy in Foretelling Events

This is the ministry which first comes to our minds when we mention prophecy. The Old Testament prophets all claimed thus to speak—that is, by divine inspiration. Peter said they often did not understand themselves that which they prophesied. 1 Peter 1: 1, 10. The expressions, "The Lord said" or "The Lord spake, saying" occur over two thousand times in the Old Testament, and this special prophetic ministry did not die with the death of Jesus; it is found holding an important place in the New Testament.

As in the Old Testament, it seems to have two services in particular in the New Testament Pentecostal church—that of guidance and that of prophesying future events. The two usually came together, such as warnings to Paul, which were both meant as guidance and warning of future danger, and the prophecy of a famine to come, which was both prophecy of the future and guidance to the people to be prepared for it.

The Spirit of God does not prophecy through us merely for our pleasure. Though certainly the Lord delights in our happiness in Him, His prophecies are for "edification, exhortation, and comfort." Then most assuredly they have their place in the church of today, which is patterned after the church which Jesus instituted, "With signs following." But the numerous so-called "prophecies" in some circles, which have caused unscriptural marriages, and equally unscriptural divisions and strife in the church, certainly have not brought "edification, exhortation, and comfort."

We will examine some of the examples of prophecy which we find in the New Testament. Acts 13:1-4 is a case of men being called of God to a

certain definite ministry, and divinely set aside and "sent" of the Holy Ghost. It is clear that the call came through prophets in the church. For there were in the church that was at Antioch certain PROPHETS and teachers. And "the Holy Ghost SAID." He spoke, and, as He usually speaks through human agencies, it is certain He spoke through the prophets who were there. He said, "Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them—a choosing, through prophecy, of a certain two men for a definite job. But note the atmosphere in which these prophecies came forth. These men "ministered to the Lord, and fasted." Prophecies born in a ministry of waiting upon the Lord and fasting, through the lives of men who put God first, as did these men, may well be heeded. This prophetic gift is still in the church to guide us. But it should be guarded from fanaticism with the same jealous care that these men used—"waiting upon the Lord and fasting." The writer could personally cite scores of such experiences, and thousands of our readers could give personal testimony to this glorious fact, that God does divinely and prophetically call and use us. Our own supernatural call to Mexico, and that of the Kluzits to Haiti, are examples in hand. When God miraculously calls He miraculously blesses. V. 4, "So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost—." Thank God for men divinely called, supernaturally anointed, and "sent forth by the Holy Ghost." Other examples of this prophetic guidance are found in Acts 21:4, 10, 11; Acts 20:23.

The prophecy of Agabus, Acts 11:27-30. The purpose of this prophecy was not just to warn the saints of coming disaster, but to give them time to prepare to meet it. That the warning was well received and acted upon is shown in the fact that the disciples were able to send relief to the brethren in Judea.

It has been the writer's observation that most acceptable prophecies in the church today are of this type. That is to say, they warn of coming disaster, such as wars, spiritual falling away, rising power of antichrist, etc., or they promise future blessings, such as coming revivals, a promised outpouring of the Holy Ghost, the soon coming of the Lord, etc. Such messages are scriptural. And let me fervently warn here that no message can supersede or contradict the Word of God. If it does, it is not of God, but

of the flesh or the devil. One "prophet" told a minister friend of mine that God was not pleased with his curled hair. The minister replied that it was certainly a strange thing, for it was God who gave it to him. Another minister was told that he was called as a divine affinity to a certain young lady, so he followed the "prophecy," leaving his church and his wife and his organization, and going out independent with the young lady. The Bible says he is an adulterer, but he chose to believe the "prophet" instead of the Bible.

During the height of a blessed "signs following" evangelistic ministry, we stayed overnight in the home of friends. We were asked to pray for the husband, a good Christian man. He immediately fell under the power of the Spirit, and began to see unbelievable visions. As he saw he talked, describing his visions. He saw literally thousands of ships loaded with American soldiers, leave our shores and head for Africa! He saw the sky black with airplanes flying across the English channel into the European continent! And he gave awe-inspiring descriptions of a coming horrible war. That was unbelievable in 1937, but now it is history.

God has most unbelievably, but most gloriously fulfilled many of the promises He gave us when He called us to Mexico. Many of these promises are yet unfulfilled but they shall be completed, for one must never put a time limit on God's prophecies unless God Himself does so, and though we left Mexico, we are now returning, and shall yet see the fulfillment of the rest of His prophecies to us about that land!

It is well to remember that there are three spirits in our divine relationship—the Spirit of God, the spirit of man, and the spirit (or spirits) of Satan. The spirit of the natural man, his desires and hopes, and the spirit of Satan, who loves to lead us astray, both strive against the giving forth of a pure, unadulterated prophecy. That is why it is best, and usually necessary, that the prophet be "in the spirit," through a blessed prayer and song service or a period of "waiting upon the Lord," before he permits the prophecies to come forth. For not all prophecies are perfect. Few are of the devil, but some are tinted by the natural man and his desires (such as prophesying that the pastor should leave, or that a certain well-liked

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Should We Pay Tithes Today?

By L. A. Samples

A great many people tell us that we do not have to pay tithes today. Some people tell us if we give unto the Lord as He leads us it will be the same as paying tithes, while still others say that tithing was instituted under the law and paying tithes went out of date when Christ was born.

In the first place, if we pay our tithes in the way the Lord leads us to pay them, we will pay them just like He told the people to pay them in the beginning. God always has a plain way in which to carry on His work, and His way is so plain that any Christian can understand it, if he wants to.

In the second place, tithing did not go out of date when Christ was born, because the Bible does not say so; but the Bible does say God never changes. If Christians would study the Bible with an open mind and a will to learn, and take the Bible at what it says instead of taking what some man thinks it says, it would be easy for them to stay in the center of God's will in this life. Anyone who preaches that tithing is not for the Church Age does not know his Bible or else he is trying to dodge the issue, because there is no way whereby God can finance His work except by the paying of tithes.

It is a fact, however, that tithing was enacted under the Law, but the Bible does not say tithing went out of date at the close of the Mosaic Law. Tithing is brought before us for the first time in Genesis 14:20 where Abram presented Melchizedek with the tenth of the spoils of his victory as the result of the slaughter of the kings. This took place about 1913 B. C. The second time we see tithing was when Jacob had his vision at Luz, 1760 B. C., Genesis 28:22. This tithing occurred about 269 years before the Law was handed to Moses on Mount Sinai in 1491 B. C. From the above, we see where great men of God paid tithes even before God commanded them to pay them. If men saw it was right to pay tithes before the commandment was given to pay them, it should be easy for Christians to see the need of paying tithes today since the commandment has been given to pay them.

We see where tithing was enacted under the Levitical Priesthood in 1491 B. C., Leviticus 27:30. In the above scripture verse we see where God told man how He would finance His Church, and in no other part of the Bible do we find where God told man of any other plan whereby He would finance His Church. There is no excuse for Christians to become confused about tithe paying, because if the Bible is searched properly any Christian can see that paying tithes is for the Church Age or Dispensation of Grace. Christians today are being carried away with a lot of theories instead of facts. The Bible is being read today by many people but there are few who study it. The first rule is, "Scripture interprets Scripture." To sum up the subject, we get it this way: "If a person goes wrong, it is all his fault and he has only himself to blame."

There are those who tell us that the tithes do not belong to the pastor until he actually gets them in his hands, but this doctrine will not stand the acid test. If that were the case, the pastor would not be entitled to any money at all and unless the church wanted to pay him he would have to work for nothing. Back in the eternity of the past, God laid the plan on which His Church was to be carried, and that plan is laid down in the Scripture and is so plain that it is utterly impossible for a Christian to fail to understand it if he will read the plan with an open mind to learn. This plan will be found in Numbers 18:21. God said, "And, behold, I have given the children of Levi all the tenth in Israel for an inheritance . . ." First, we know that the word "given" is the past tense of "give" and "have given" is a past participle which shows that something has already been accomplished. The word "inheritance" means "a possession or blessing which was received without purchase but was obtained as a gift." The Church will have a mighty hard time making God believe that the tithes do not belong to the pastor until they are in his hands.

The writer, in all of his life, never hears anyone say "why" we pay

tithes. Tithing is a lost art in the Church today when it comes to preaching on them. Tithing is a part of the eternal Word and should be a text for all ministers just the same as salvation. Matthew 4:4 and 2 Timothy 3:16. In some of our churches today the pastors are paid in such a peculiar way they cannot preach tithing without making it look as if they are preaching for their own pocketbook. The salary of a pastor should be paid in such a way and manner that will give him freedom to preach the full gospel, so that his congregation will have a rounded out Christian experience and a good Bible education. 1 John 3:3. This is an age in which Christians care but little about the meaning of the Bible, thereby failing to become deeply rooted and grounded in love . . . and that they might be filled with all the fulness of God. Ephesians 3:17-19. If the ministers would preach the HOW, WHO, WHERE, WHEN, and WHY of paying tithes, the laity would not be prone to neglect such an important act as paying tithes, because, if we, as Christians, fail to pay tithes, it is sure to prevent God from blessing His children as He wants to bless them, thereby causing them to lose that close fellowship with God and His Son Jesus Christ.

We now come to an important place in the history of tithing. When we consulted Leviticus 27:30, we found out that God has commanded us to pay our tithes. When we consulted Numbers 18:21, we found out who were to receive our tithes. When God does a thing, there is a reason for Him doing it. There is also a reason for Him to command us to pay our tithes. When we read Numbers 18:24, we see a twofold purpose in that verse. In the first half of that verse we are once more reminded of the fact that the tithes belong to the pastor before they are placed into his hands. In the last half of that verse we are told WHY we pay our tithes. The reason we pay tithes is because when the promised land was divided among the twelve tribes of the children of Israel, the tribe of Levi did not receive an inheritance. The Levites were to render service in the tabernacle of the con-

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Reading the Bible

Not very long ago a well known Chicago minister is reported to have stated that Bible reading "puts the salt in religion."

It does that and more. The Bible, we know, has always been and continues to be the well of daily inspiration for many of our country's great leaders. It furnished the political and moral foundations of our democracy. It embodies the ethical principles which undergird what we call the best in civilization today.

The Bible, more than any other single instrumentality, has molded the forward surge of human events throughout the last five hundred years of western culture.

Most of us are aware of these things and most of us have at some time owned a Bible, hoping therein to find inspiration for our own lives, salt for our religion. Ruffling through the twelve hundred or more pages, not all of us have found what we have looked for.

How, then, should we go about it? How does one begin to get acquainted with the Bible? To feel at home with this greatest of all books?

First of all, make sure that the version of the Bible which you possess is the one best suited to your needs. If the language of the magnificent King James version gives you trouble, get yourself one of the newer accepted translations. You'll profit little from reading a Bible whose language you do not understand.

Now you are ready to begin reading. If you are a beginner you will do best by turning to the stories of the Bible first. These are swift moving, dramatic. Read the book of Ruth—it will take you twenty minutes. Try Esther, Jonah, or Job—all in the Old Testament. Read these as you would read any other book, not as a succession of numbered chapters and verses.

When you have two hours to give to it, read Mark in the New Testament, and the next day follow this with Luke, then Acts. Go back to the story of creation in Genesis, then Abraham, Jacob, Joseph, and Moses. Get acquainted with the Psalms. Read and reread these until their majestic words rumble through your soul like the vibrations of a great organ.

By then you'll want to do some exploring of your own in the great textbook of life.

Read the Bible at a stated time each day. Set aside a portion of every day as Bible reading time. You can't open the Bible on one day and have miracles happen the next. The Bible reading habit grows on you. Be sure you are alert, fresh at Bible reading time. Don't leave it for the closing hours of a busy day.

Read the Bible for pleasure. Read it for the sound training it gives you in the art of living. Read it for the inspiration you find in its pages.

A few further suggestions: Reading the Bible is an acquired habit, like brushing your teeth. It reveals its value only to the earnest seeker after it. It is not a book for lazy or indifferent people. Don't approach Bible reading as you would a good-luck

charm, to keep off witches and goblins. A chapter a day, in that spirit, will certainly not keep the devil away. Approach it in the spirit of a miner searching for precious metal, who is not content until he has struck "pay dirt," God's priceless truth, is there.

Or better yet, look at it as a book of rules. Every real sportsman knows thoroughly the rules of the game he loves. Every business and professional man who has made the grade operates on well known principles and a stock of necessary knowledge relating to his particular field of endeavor. He has his shelf of books, the contents of which he knows thoroughly, and to which he refers constantly.

The rules of the game of life are contained in the Bible—the greatest textbook on the subject ever composed. No one can win in the game of life who is unfamiliar with the rules. They're all there for you to search out.

—American Bible Society.

Just To Please Him

JOHN MURRAY

In these days in which we live there is great need that we be quiet before the Lord oftener, just to enter into and abide in such sweet communion with Him, that we may at all times feast on that fruit of the Spirit, which is love, joy, peace, etc. Gal. 5: 22, 23. These verses are just a picture of what our Lord Jesus Christ is and what He wants to be to every one of His dear ones. This is very precious to the heart that has tasted that the Lord is good. Oh, that we might enter more into the mind of God about the One whose infinite loveliness is His daily delight, who always before pleased Him, who rejoices always before Him. Matt. 17:5; Prov. 8: 30.

But when we are rejoicing in His love, do we ever stop to think whether He is happy or not? We sing, "That will be glory for me." How much more blessed to sing, "That will be glory for Him." Oh, that we might get so completely away from self and from seeking our welfare as to be able to live before Him just to minister to the needs of His own loving heart, just to make Him happy. No one was ever happy seeking happiness. Only those taste of real joy who are seeking to give joy to the heart of another.

We come to Him many times to have our own needs met. Do we ever

come just to satisfy the longings of His own heart of love? He is seeking worshippers, those who will speak His real worth, His beauty, His glory. Has He found them in us? Have we been seeking to give Him joy that was before Him when He endured the cross, when He paid the awful price of our redemption? Will our only joy in glory be that we are saved and made like Him? Will not the joy of knowing that He is satisfied, that He has been made to rejoice, far transcend all this?

Ah, beloved, we are so prone to look at everything from our own standpoint, from the effect it will have on us, instead of its relation to Him. We have wept with him over cold stony hearts. Are we ever happy for no other reason than that we sell our ointment, that which should have been poured out upon Him, under pretense of giving something to the poor. John 12:1-11. How often we deny Him the time that His loving heart craves, under pretense of being too busy with service. Dr. C. I. Scofield says, "I grow very weary of the constant spurring of God's people to service, service, as if any father ever did care so much to have his children toiling for him as loving and trusting him."

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evangelist should be our next pastor, etc.). That is why Paul said, "Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge," 1 Cor. 14:29. Judge what? Why, judge whether the prophecy be completely inspired, or whether the mind of the prophet has entered in, to color the purity of the message. An illustration used in my articles on the "Gifts of Tongues and Interpretation" can well be given again here. Most of us have seen a pure stream of water bouncing and bubbling over the rocks in a cool mountain canyon. The water is pure and unadulterated. But let a local shower occur in the mountains on one side of the canyon, and soon a muddy stream begins to trickle into the pure water, coloring it and making it impure and unworthy of human consumption. There are two personalities living in the body of a man baptized with the Holy Spirit. One is the spirit of man, the other is the Spirit of God, and He is just as distinctly a personality as is the man in whom He abides. Now when the prophecy comes from God it does not originate in the mind of man (his head), but originates from his innermost being (John 7:38). Those experienced in giving forth messages in tongues, interpretation, or prophecy, will testify that the speaker seems to be gushing forth His message from his innermost being. The man-made message originates in the head of man, but comes out through the same vocal system. The message from within is the pure, unadulterated Spirit of prophecy, but unless one is completely dominated by this divine presence, then the thoughts of the man being used by the Spirit can creep in, like the muddy rain water, and muddy up the pure words of life. Our conclusion is that not all prophecies are perfect and therefore should be "judged." But let us all make sure that the one who "judges" the message, or the ones who judge, be as deeply spiritual as the one giving the message. It is here that the gift of discerning of spirits plays an important role.

5. The Gift of Prophecy in Our Prayer Life

It may not of necessity be the gift of prophecy, but most certainly it is the spirit of prophecy, which very often manifests itself in the ministry of our prayer warriors, and at times in the experience of anyone who prays. It is prophecy in that the Spirit

of the Lord dwelling within reveals to the one praying that some loved one, perhaps far away, is sick or in trouble or is in danger. We will never know until we reach that eternal land, how many sicknesses and dangers and troubles have been evaded because the Spirit of the Lord has revealed in a burden of prayer to a friend or loved one, the need of danger, and that loved one has prayed through to victory. Rom. 8:26, 27. This ministry, like flowers of the mountains or desert blooming unseen, is hidden from the eyes of men, but seen and blessed of God mightily to the edification of the church.

The writer used to love to explore little known canyons and ridges of the mountains, as a boy, and I always came out with my hands laden with exotic and beautiful flowers. For two score miles around I knew just where each lovely variety was sweetly hidden away, nestled in the breast of its surrounding beauty. And it has been our blessed privilege in many years of evangelism, to travel the valleys and mountains of these United States and its churches, discovering, amid their impressive spiritual surroundings (the Church of the living God) these sweetly perfumed flowers of God's garden, the deeply spiritual and clean holy men and women, with their spiritual gifts in operation, who make up the body of Christ. And now we travel foreign lands, and once more we enjoy that agreeable sensation of discovering the sweet purity and mighty power of God's children, hidden away in the unexplored forests and valleys and mountains of these strange lands. As exotically strange and pure and beautiful are these simple children of God, with their child-like faith, as are the many-hued birds and butterflies which share their forests.

These four ministers—layman, minister (pastor, evangelist, or teacher), prophet of future events, and the man or woman of prayer—are the four main channels through which the gift of prophecy is manifest in the church. Since we have already touched, indirectly, upon most of the benefits to be derived from the operation of the gift of prophecy in the Church, we will only outline them here. The minister or teacher can enlarge upon this outline for sermon or Bible study: **BENEFITS DERIVED FROM THE GIFT OF PROPHECY.** 1. To reach the unsaved. 1 Cor. 14:23-25, "If therefore the whole church be come together in one place—and all prophesy,

and there come in one that believeth not, or one unlearned, he is convinced of all, he is judged of all: And thus are the secrets of his heart made manifest; and so falling down on his face he will worship God, and report that God is in you of a truth." The evangelistic ministry, whether in the evangelist or the pastor, is especially used in this way. But here it speaks especially of the inspired testimony of the layman, which brings the unsaved to his knees. Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost was used thus for the unsaved.

2. To bless and edify the Christian. 1 Cor. 14:4, 5, "... he that prophesieth edifieth the church. . . . but rather that ye prophesied . . . that the church may receive edifying." Too numerous and well known to need mentioning here are the edifying blessings to the church which come from the prophetic ministry.

3. That all may learn. 1 Cor. 14:31, "For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn . . ." Here is where the ministry of divinely inspired teaching comes in.

4. The blessing and power it gives us in our prayer life. Rom. 8:26, 27, "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings that cannot be uttered. And he that searches the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God."

"WHEREFORE, BRETHREN, COVET TO PROPHESY, AND FORBID NOT TO SPEAK WITH TONGUES. LET ALL THINGS BE DONE DECENTLY AND IN ORDER," 1 Cor. 14:39, 40.

Testimony

SHARPSVILLE, Ind.—Dear Readers, I praise God for victory in my soul. I am saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost and belong to the Church of God. I trust God for the healing of my body.

Our state overseer, Brother Lane, set a church in order in Tipton, Ind., November 9, 1945, with nineteen members. We have bought three lots on which to build a church. Pray that the Lord will help us in this undertaking. I can see a good prospect for a strong church in Tipton.

I desire the prayers of the saints. Also pray for our church, that God will provide the means for us to build. —Cora Morissett, clerk, Rt. 2.

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“GHOST.” We are convicted by the Holy Ghost, John 16:8. We are born of the Holy Ghost, John 3:5. We are sanctified by the Holy Ghost, Rom. 15:16. Thus, it is the Holy Ghost from the beginning of our salvation to the end. Eph. 1:13, “In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise.”

V. The Blood and What It Does in the Great Plan of Redemption

Be it known to all men, we cannot have justification, sanctification, or, in other words our salvation, without the blood of Christ, which frees from sin and makes holy (sanctifies). When making atonement unto God for sin, it hath always been through the blood. When our foreparents fell in the garden of Eden, it was then that the Lord did slay (shed blood) and make them coats of skins and clothed them. Gen. 3:21. Lev. 17:11, “For the life of the flesh is in the blood; I have given it to you upon the altar TO MAKE AN ATONEMENT FOR YOUR SOULS; FOR IT IS THE BLOOD THAT MAKETH ATONEMENT FOR THE SOUL.” Eph. 1:7, “In whom WE HAVE REDEMPTION THROUGH HIS BLOOD, the forgiveness of sins.” Col. 1:20, “Having made PEACE THROUGH THE BLOOD OF HIS CROSS, by him to reconcile all things unto himself.” Our friendship and peace with God is restored through the blood of His Son. And, not without the blood will He pass over us as it is so emphatically stated in Exod. 12:13, “And when I see the blood I will pass over you.” Matt. 26:28, “For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.” Heb. 9:22, “AND WITHOUT THE SHEDDING OF BLOOD IS NO REMISSION” (FORGIVENESS). Therefore, there can be no forgiveness or pardon without the shedding of blood. Rom. 3:25, “Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation THROUGH FAITH IN HIS BLOOD TO DECLARE HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR THE SINS THAT ARE PAST; through the forbearance of God.” Those before Calvary looked forward to the cross; we who are afterward look back to the cross. Hence, it is faith in His blood that brings remission or forgiveness of sins. 1 Peter 1:18, 19, “Forasmuch as ye know that ye are not redeemed (to buy back, to rescue, to ransom) with corruptible things, as silver and gold from your vain conversations received by the traditions from your fathers, BUT WITH THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST.” Bear in mind, that which has been purchased with the blood of God’s own Son belongs to God, and that which belongs to God cannot have sin in it; that is, they who are born again. “He that is born of God doth not commit sin,” 1 John 3:9. 1 John 1:7, “But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have

fellowship one with another AND THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST HIS SON CLEANSETH (SANCTIFIES) US FROM ALL SIN.” Rev. 1:5, “Unto him that loved us, AND WASHED US FROM OUR SINS IN HIS OWN BLOOD.” Yea, the eternal song of those before the throne will be, “REDEEMED BY THE BLOOD,” Rev. 5:9. Heb. 9:15, “For this cause he (Jesus) is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death (shedding his blood) for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament (old testament) they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.” SO, ACCORDING TO THIS SCRIPTURE, HE SHED HIS BLOOD FOR THEM THAT LIVED BEFORE CALVARY. Yes, as it is stated in Hebrews 11:40, “God having provided some better things for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.” Heb. 10:14, “For by one offering (His blood) he hath perfected forever them that are sanctified.” Heb. 13:12, “Wherefore Jesus also, THAT HE MIGHT SANCTIFY THE PEOPLE WITH HIS OWN BLOOD, suffered without the gate.” Therefore, the blood must be applied in regeneration, or forgiveness, and continue through by faith in it, until entire sanctification is reached.

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under every circumstance, Will this bring joy to His loving heart? We may be doing things that are not positively evil but do they contribute to His joy? How much we need to get better acquainted with Him. To know Him aright will lessen our care to know anything else, for He is the fulness of God. In Him is comprehended all that God has for us from the moment we are saved to the countless ages of eternity. Yet a little while and we shall be forever with Him. Will we regret then that we spent much time alone with Him while in this wilderness scene? My heart longs for that time when I shall never again grieve Him. How patient, how gentle He has been with every one of us. How the lack of appreciation on the part of friends has grieved us. How we have wept when having exhausted our efforts in some act of kindness, having seen it received with utter disregard. What, then, must it mean to Him who gave everything to purchase us from eternal death, to have us show no concern about His happiness, about His glory, to have us occupied with everything but Himself?

You have not passed this way heretofore, so keep your eye on the Guide.

Sunday School and Home Department Work Going On

(Corrected from last issue)

CINCINNATI, Ohio—Just a word of praise for our wonderful Sunday School and our home department work, which are really going over the top for Jesus, due to the encouragement of our faithful superintendent, Luther Burris, for whom we truly praise God. He helps us to see the way where there isn’t a way; He puts a zeal in us to try to get the precious Word of God to boys’ and girls’ hearts. We thank God for our wonderful Bible readers, also our never-tiring pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. D. G. Phillips, who are continuously visiting and praying with the saints.

Please pray as we visit and teach in the convalescent homes. We have many elderly unsaved ones who will never hear the Word of God again only as we take it to them. We earnestly desire your prayers.—Cordelia Ball, president of Home Dept. work, 1250 Elm St., Cincinnati 10, Ohio.

Revival

BLADENBORO, N. C.—We were in a revival from November 2 through the 16th, with Brother Colin Kelly, of Wilmington, N. C., as our evangelist. God blessed and several nights the Holy Ghost took charge. Brother Kelly is a good, humble man and anxious to see souls saved.

There were eleven saved, three sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost, and one added to the church. We are looking for more results from Brother Kelly’s efforts.—Sophia Petrucci, reporter.

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REVIVALS



ALTON PARK, Tenn.—Two weeks before the Assembly we came to the Alton Park, Tenn., church to sing in a revival for Brother John Smith, the pastor, and Brother Thibodeau, the evangelist. Eight received the Holy Ghost and many more were blessed.

Brother Hoyt Odum, pastor at Ross-ville, Ga., was with us in a week's meeting, and six received the Holy Ghost, for which we thank God. Every department of the church has increased and God is blessing in every service.

At present we are in a revival with Brother S. C. Chambers, of South Carolina, as evangelist. In less than two weeks twenty-six have received the Holy Ghost, and the revival is still going.

We invite you to come to the Alton Park church and enjoy these wonderful services. All the people love and appreciate Brother and Sister Smith. May God bless all who read this.—Rolen J. Dunn, reporter.

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SANFORD, Fla.—We have just closed a four weeks' revival with Brother and Sister W. W. Dykes, of Jacksonville, Fla. Seven were saved, four sanctified, and three baptized with the Holy Ghost. Pray for the church here at Sanford.—Paul Yates, Jr., Box 1396.

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LYNCHBURG, Va.—We praise God for a wonderful revival. We have just closed a three weeks' revival at the church here, Brother H. M. Burchett, pastor, and Brother L. S. Haymore, of Schoolfield, Va., evangelist. The Lord wonderfully blessed in every service. Twelve were saved, ten sanctified, twelve filled with the Holy Ghost, and nine added to the church. All who attended this revival said it was the best they had attended in years. There seemed to be perfect unity in the church at all times and real freedom in the Lord. The entire church was drawn closer to the Lord and encouraged to go on until Jesus comes.

Pray for us that we will always be true and faithful until Jesus calls.—Bessie Brown.

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CINCINNATI, Ohio—We praise God for the revival just closed. Brother

Brady Phelps and wife, of Somerset, Ky., were the evangelists. We surely thank God for these old-time, Holy-Ghost-filled messages we sat under every night of the revival. And oh, what wonderful singing and music from our little evangelist and wife and son, who is only eight years old. He would sing special songs and give a Bible talk every night. It was uplifting to us to hear that child talk for God.

Several were saved and some sanctified. He has brought us the light on the Church of God. Although some have not received the light, praise God we are praying for their eyes to be opened to the Church of God. Just as soon as others become willing to walk in this light we are turning everything over to our brother. Oh, we already love this man and his wife and son, until we catch ourselves calling him our pastor. Praise God for them; they are young but we are all out for God and the winning of lost souls.

Pray for our band of Christians here. We are praying for the way to be opened for this man and his family until he can stay on the field for God, as he is very worthy of his hire. He gave me your paper and I read about revivals in your paper, so I wanted to tell of ours and how God is leading us deeper into His Word.

Please pray for me. I am clerk of our church but am waiting for the time when I can unite with the great Church of God.—A member of the "New Jerusalem Church of God in Christ."

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INMAN, S. C.—We are grateful to God for the way He is blessing our church. We have just closed a revival by Sister Elinor Camp and her co-worker, Sister Minnie Smathers. We gained four new members, twenty-six were saved, fifteen sanctified, and ten filled with the Holy Ghost. Demons were cast out, and many sick healed. One man who was healed had been sick for some time and he got up and went to church. That was a miracle we saw and not one we read about. We have never seen the power of God work like it did in this revival. People fell out under the power of God for

two and three hours at a time. The power was so strong sinners would get up from their seats, come to the altar crying, and pray through.

We are proud of our new pastor, Brother W. M. Morrow, and his wife. His heart is really in the work and we feel he is just the pastor we need. We thank God for sending us a pastor like Brother Morrow. Each message he brings is backed by the power of the Holy Ghost. The church is on fire for God and looking forward to winning many souls to the Lord this year.

Pray that God will continue to prosper us.—Mrs Mary Waldrop, clerk.

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TERRE HAUTE, Ind.—We are happy to report good services at the Terre Haute, Ind., church. Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Standifer are with us for this assembly year and we have had wonderful progress thus far.

We have just closed a three weeks' revival with Brother and Sister Standifer doing the preaching. Sister Standifer did the preaching the first two weeks and expounded the old-time gospel truths in a wonderful way. Then Sister Standifer took ill with the flu, but Satan didn't hinder us, as Brother Standifer went right on with the services and the Lord blessed. There were six saved, eleven sanctified, ten filled with the Holy Ghost, and the saints greatly revived.

Several have been saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost in the regular services, and twenty-four have been added to the church during the past two months, for which we are praising God.—Dorothy L. Austin, clerk.

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ADAIRSVILLE, Ga.—I praise our soon-coming King for the wonderful revival which was conducted here in the fall by Rev. Clarence Wood, of Silver Creek, Ga., Rt. 1. My, my, how God did bless! Seven were saved, six sanctified, and five filled with the Holy Ghost. My, what a revival! The saints were revived.

Pray for us here at Towe's Chapel. Brother Woods is a man of God.

We surely like our pastor; we thank God for sending Brother Henry Digsby to us this year. We are going to do everything we can for him and to help him carry on in the fight against sin and the devil.

Pray for us and come to see us here at Towe's Chapel every time you can.—G. W. Fowler, clerk, Rt. 3.

TESTIMONIES

Healed of T. B.

ROCHESTER, Minn.—In the holy name of Jesus I sound a note of praise and thanksgiving to our soon coming King. I am the lady who sent in for prayer and anointed cloth for healing of T. B. The Lord in His goodness saw fit to heal me. I returned home to Rochester, Minn. Thanks be to God for His saints and ministers, for encouraging letters and cards. I will answer all personally; also I have been renewed in the Holy Ghost.—Nanie B. Nash, 601 Third St., N. W., Rochester, Minn.

Divinely Healed When Doctors Failed

ALBANY, Ga.—I praise the Lord because He can and will heal, for He healed me of kidney stones when the doctor failed, and I had been suffering with ulcerated stomach and gall bladder trouble for a year and He healed me. I praise Him for His good healing power. I have been led to write this for a long time, and I ask prayer that I will be completely healed. Pray for my husband and other loved ones.—Mrs. W. M. Wadsworth, Chehow State Park.

Will Never Cease Praising Him

Dear Evangel Readers: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. I have so much to thank the Lord for tonight, I do not know where to begin. Jesus is real in my life and I praise Him for His goodness to me. On January 25 I was stricken with something and I couldn't get my breath at times. Each time I would have a spell I would become so weak I could hardly walk. The most of this year has found me unable to do much housework, or go to church very much. Only God knows what I went through.

The 14th day of September found me lying on a hospital bed. After being there a few days the doctors told my mother I had an inward goiter and an enlarged heart. Some of the doctors wanted to operate, but one of them said I could not stand the operation. I knew God's children were praying for me. My husband sent a request to the Evangel, and several churches were keeping me before the Lord in prayer. God has done some-

thing in my life that I will never cease praising Him for. On October 13, just two days before I left the hospital, the doctor told my husband that the goiter had disappeared and my heart was normal. He could not understand where the goiter went, but praise the Lord it is gone and I know God has done something for me. My body is still weak, but I am growing stronger each day and soon I believe I will be my old self again.

I believe the Lord has a work for me to do. I don't know what it is, but I know he is able to show me His will. Pray for me, that I will grow stronger both in body and in the Lord. My nerves are still bad but I know that God is able, praise His name. Jesus is coming soon and I want to stay close to Him. I want to go to meet Him one of these days, praise His name.—Margaret (Lewis) Smith, 2609 Edmondson Avenue, Baltimore 23, Md.

He Has Been Wonderful to Me

LAKE VIEW, S. C.—I praise the Lord this morning for what He is to me. He has been so wonderful to me since I accepted Him as my personal Savior. Recently I was sick and burdened very heavily. I promised God if he would heal me and help me I would tell it. Glory to God, I'm feeling fine this morning. I request your prayers that I will get the Holy Ghost and ever be faithful to the Lord.—Dorene Lyndall, Lake View, S. C.

He Is All This World to Me

VILLA RICA, Ga.—I praise the Lord this morning for what He means to me. He means more than all this world to me. I thank Him for the sweet Holy Ghost. I praise Him for healing my baby's body last week. It is so wonderful to trust in Jesus. Please pray for my husband, that he will soon return home to us.—Mrs. Earl Jaynes, Route 2.

Praise and Petition

AMELIA, Va.—I praise the Lord for the many times He has blessed us and for keeping our only son from harm through three years of war, also, for healing me of high blood pressure and making me able to do my work.

I still have bronchial trouble, so you

saints who know the Lord does heal, please pray for me.—Mrs. Viva Inman, Route 2.

Hold On—He Will Heal

Dear Evangel Readers: Praise my dear Savior who has done so much for me. I surely hope this will help someone to trust God for healing. I can truthfully say the Lord really healed me. My heart would beat so fast I would think every breath would be the last one. I was so nervous I couldn't sleep at night; but, dear friends, I held on to God for my healing. I was prayed for so many times without being healed; but God will hear you if you keep holding on. He so wonderfully healed me, and I want to tell others about it. Please don't be afraid to trust Him; no matter how serious your case is, just keep holding on. I held on to God for my healing for about two months and a half.

I ask a special request for myself and for the Church of God people here in Cartersville, Ga. We lost our good pastor, Rev. T. E. Hogan, and so far we don't have a pastor. Our prayers and best wishes go with Brother Hogan.

The Lord called me to work for Him and I am sorry to say I have failed. There are so many people who don't believe in women preaching; but, friends, that is one thing I want to live long enough to see proved. If there are women preachers who would be kind enough to write me and tell me their experience, how the Lord called them, I would certainly be glad to hear from them. Please pray for me.—Kathleen Godfrey, 3 Short St., Cartersville, Ga.

The Lord Will Heal

PINE HILL, Ala.—The Lord will heal you if you are sick and will trust Him. I was sick one evening last week and when I went to bed that night I was still sick. I laid the Evangel on my body in Jesus' name and asked Him to heal me; also I promised Him I would testify to it. Praise God! He healed me at once.—J. L. Johnson.

Healed of Cancer Symptoms

SULPHUR SPRINGS, Fla.—I praise God for healing me when the doctor said I had symptoms of a cancer. The people have really prayed in my behalf. Also, God said while the Holy Ghost was testifying He would heal.—Sister Maxie Thomas.

HOME MISSION NEEDS

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had to stop to tell the story of Jesus. When we pray, "Lord, make us a blessing to someone," we know not where He will take us to, but let us be wholly resigned to His precious will and be able to sing with all our hearts as the great love of God melts our hearts to the refrain of the precious words, "Where He leads me I will follow; I'll go with Him, with Him all the way." Praise His wonderful name forevermore.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

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My son, a war veteran, to be delivered of that awful habit of drink and saved.—Fannie Ford, Statesboro, Ga.

The healing of my body; my mother to be healed.—Elsie Caudill, Pulaski, Va.

Me to be healed; my husband overseas to be saved.—A sister in Christ, Tallulah, La.

Hermon Frost, who is in prison. He has been there about ten years and he surely needs our prayers.—Mrs. E. D. Fox, Starkville, Miss.

My daughter, who has a very bad cut on her hand; another one of my children to be healed of throat trouble.—Mrs. Ferbie Powers, Goldsboro, N. C.

My son, who is overseas; the healing of my body, I am very nervous.—Mrs. Ellen Rackley, Shannon, Ga.

The healing of my little twelve-year-old daughter, she is almost blind; my husband and me to be healed.—Mrs. Beulah Crowe, Rt. 4, Osyka, Miss.

The healing of my body, I was in a car wreck.—Doinée Hogan, Hammond, La.

Me to be healed, I can't use one of my arms.—Nancy Pierre, Hammond, La.

The healing of my body.—Burnice Hogan, Hammond, La.

The healing of my body. Encouragement appreciated.—Mrs. Harmon, c/o Bemis Bag Co., Talladega, Ala.

Me to be healed; my mother to be healed mentally.—Jessie Merritt, Ferndale, Fla.

Me to be healed of heart trouble.—Eli Hensley Cranks.

The healing of my body, I am so nervous.—Sister James.

The healing of our baby's body; Brother Bob Hudson to be healed. Encouragement appreciated. — Grover Greene, Rt. 3, Adairsville, Ga.

My wife to be healed of the flu.—C. M. Crosno, Camden, Tenn.

A boy who is overseas sends in this request, "Pray for my daddy to be healed of a bad heart and saved."—Mrs. W. T. Leggett, 3006 Gurnee, Anniston, Ala.

The healing of my head, I have been afflicted for fourteen years.—Dock Smith, Melrose, N. Mex.

The healing of my sister-in-law, Mrs. Sallie Canipe, Toecane, N. C. Encouragement appreciated.—Mrs. Flora Pitts.

The healing of a little boy who is very ill.—Mrs. Harbin, LaGrange, Ga.

My little boy to be healed of a growth on his neck.—Florena Hamilton, Deerfield, Fla.

My husband and baby to be healed.—Alberta Pierre, Hammond, La.

The healing of my husband. Encouragement appreciated. — Mrs. J. A. Wallace, Rt. 2, Fairburn, Ga.

Me to be healed.—Mrs. Myrtle Meeks, Route 2, Mulberry, Ark.

My husband to be healed, he has been in the hospital for eight years.—Mrs. Irene Martin, 14 Anacostia Road, S. E., Washington, D. C.

The healing of my body; very urgent request. — Mildred Carpenter, Germantown, Ohio.

Mrs. Vera Matthews, 1010 N. 11th St., Fort Smith, Ark., to be healed. She has been sick almost a year. Encouragement appreciated.—Her mother.

Me to be healed; Sister Fannie Mink to be healed, she is in the hospital.—Mrs. G. C. Church, Brookwood, Ala.

A friend to be saved and healed.—W. H. Wright, Peoria, Ariz.

Me to be healed, I am not a Christian.—A friend.

My son, who has served two and one-half years overseas, to be saved and delivered from that awful drink habit.—His mother.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. Hensley, Old Fort, N. C.

My son to be healed of a tumor on his kidneys.—Mrs. L. M. Elixson, Hermosa Beach, Calif.

The healing of my body.—Chas. B. Lee, Surley, Ala.

Me to be healed, I have a broken arm; also the safe return of my son who is overseas.—Elizabeth Smith, Coldwater, Miss.

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THE TWO ADAMS

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ness evidenced, divisions and jealousies, which well nigh wreck the Church, and this largely from disputes of words. If we have a nature not adverse to Christ, why all this? But when two are absolutely yielded to the Holy Spirit, sanctified wholly, living holy lives, holiness expressed, they do not quarrel and work together in love and fellowship.

Wisdom that is from above is pure, peaceable, gentle, easy to get along with, full of mercy and good fruits, without wrangling and hypocrisy, so says James in James 3:17. Even Paul and Barnabas came together in full fellowship as co-workers. See 1 Cor. 7:6.

It does not help matters to say, "they have never been saved," or "they have backsidden," but better say as the Holy Spirit says, "yet carnal" and "walk as men." They have not yet learned to walk in the Spirit, their true dwelling place. Instead they yield to their first Adam nature whose traits are "envying, strife, and division."

So frankly acknowledge your dual nature with God, that the old was crucified with Christ, recognize the new as the only rightful claimant. Steadfastly believe that God dwells in you, holding the old self-life in death while naturing and training the new man. God does all things in you while you believe in Him, even as Christ did all for you before you believed. Thus you will be walking in the Spirit and not fulfilling the desires of the flesh; and the requirements of the law "will be fulfilled IN you." Rom. 8:4. Be of the Second Adam and inherit eternal life!

SHOULD WE PAY TITHES TODAY?

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gregation and therefore had to be supported by means other than by an inheritance. Numbers 18:24; Joshua 13:14, 33; 18:7. The plan which God laid down for the financing of His Church is so simple and so easy to understand that there is no reason why any Christian should fail to grasp it. If Christians will study, pray, dig, and believe God, they will soon learn why God wants them to pay their tithes and they will also learn where, when, and how to pay them.

Now let us look at chapter twenty-nine of 2 Chronicles, and we find that

Hezekiah cleaned the house of the Lord, then he gathered up the priests and the Levites and told them to clean themselves; that is, he told them to sanctify themselves and to sanctify the house of the Lord God of their fathers and to carry forth the filthiness out of the holy place. Then after Hezekiah had set the holy place in order, he offered solemn sacrifices. Some Christians will have to clean up before they will ever know anything about paying tithes. After all of the sacrifices were made, Hezekiah proclaimed a passover by sending letters to all Israel and to Judah and telling them to come to the house of the Lord at Jerusalem. When people want to obey the Lord they do it. Hezekiah had to do all of these things in order to restore the people in the sight of the Lord God of Israel, because Ahaz, the father of Hezekiah, and an ungodly king of Judah, did most everything except that which was good in the sight of the Lord. So then, we see when Ahaz died, his son Hezekiah, was made king and he immediately cleaned the holy place and also the people. Such a cleaning is needed today.

And now we look at chapter thirty-one and verse five and see where the children of Israel brought in the tithes of all things just as soon as the commandment came abroad.

While Ahaz was king, the people grew so corrupt that no doubt they quit paying tithes and went after the lust of the flesh until they became a stench in the nostrils of the Lord. When a Christian or a church stops paying tithes they fall to measure up in the sight of God and they will be out of tune with God's plan of the ages.

Now let us pause long enough to see what Solomon said about paying tithes. Solomon knew just what it meant to give unto the Lord, and God richly rewarded Solomon for what he gave unto the work of the Lord. When we examine verses nine and ten of the third chapter of Proverbs, we see something that even the natural man can understand. We see in this scripture that if we will pay our tithes, God will richly reward us with the wealth of this world. Even the carnal man can see it just as it is because the Bible means just what it says.

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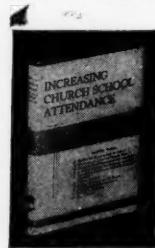


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